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NEGRO GUARDED BY TROOPS

Raymond Ross Taken to Canton, Ga. Where He Is Sentenced to Death.

[SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-HERALD.]

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 6.—Raymond Ross, a negro, who was taken to Canton to-day for trial on the charge of assaulting a white woman, was accompanied by two companies of militia and the Governor's Horse Guards, under command of Major W. W. Barker. The militia guarded the courthouse while the trial was in progress. Ross was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged Aug. 27. The jury was out seven minutes. The militia brought the prisoner back to Atlanta.

ROPE BREAKS—THREE HANGED.

Second Trial Necessary for One of Negro Murderers Executed Together.

[*By The Associated Press.*]

Opelousas, La., March 8.—When the drop of the scaffold on which were three negro murderers fell to-day the rope around the neck of Willis Payne broke, though the necks of the other two were broken. Payne was picked up from the ground and put into a chair until another rope could be prepared. He was too weak to stand, and had to be held until the drop fell a second time, when his neck was broken.

SIX NEGROES ARE EXECUTED.

Blacks Belonging to a Murderous Gang Hanged at Sylvania, Ga.

[SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-HERALD.]

SYLVANIA, Ga., June 14.—Five negroes, members of an organization whose motto was "Death to the Whites," were hanged from one scaffold in public here to-day. The names of those executed were:

AUGUSTUS, ARNOLD. HUDSON.
BALDWIN, SAM. SANDERS, RICHARD.
DAVIS, ANDREW.

The negroes met their death with remarkable fortitude. They sang and drank lemonade and joked with the sheriff. The rain fell in torrents all of the night and this morning. Notwithstanding this fact an immense crowd gathered to witness the execution. None of the negroes said he was innocent of the crimes charged.

The murder for which the men died was but the culmination of a long series of crimes. It is common report that the charter of this oath-bound organization was signed in blood, and the leader, Andrew McKinney assembled his band only at night, when he swore them with awesome rites to secrecy and to deeds of death and robbery.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., June 14.—Tricey Griffin, colored, was hanged here to-day for the murder, in October last, of R. Marion Latimer, a passenger conductor on the Southern Railway. The conductor was killed for ordering the negro to come inside the car from the platform while the train was in motion.

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